

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-21R

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

WHEREAS, American Fork City provides pressurized irrigation to meet the outdoor irrigation needs of the residents, businesses, and institutions in the city;

WHEREAS, American Fork City's pressurized irrigation system, and the water it supplies are valuable resources for residents and water users;

WHEREAS, the primary sources of water for pressurized irrigation are surface water from rivers, lakes, and streams;

WHEREAS, several years of exceptional drought have severely impacted these sources of water;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Utah has declared a State of Emergency due to the ongoing drought;

WHEREAS, the Governor has asked all users to reduce watering to two days per week;

WHEREAS, American Fork City's municipal code limits residents to watering three times per week;

WHEREAS, American Fork City supports the Governor and recognizes the urgent need to conserve water;

WHEREAS, American Fork City recognizes that without additional conservation efforts, the city may have limited irrigation water toward the end of the irrigation season; and

WHEREAS, limited irrigation water may require the city to shut off the pressurized irrigation system earlier than traditionally anticipated.

BE IT NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED, by American Fork City as follows:

SECTION 1. Irrigation goals and guidelines

1. The city shall implement the guidelines of the Governor by reducing irrigation water consumption of turf lawn by one third (33%). The irrigation water user may accomplish this by watering one water cycle, three days per week, but reducing watering time lengths by 33% (Maximum water time per zone limited to 15 minutes for spray head or 30 minutes for rotor sprinklers).

2. Irrigation of all city facilities will comply with a reduced schedule.
3. All laws, rules, regulations and guidelines, including watering days previously prescribed (odd address shall water on Monday, Wednesday, Friday – even address shall water on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday. Spot watering with hose and sprinkler repair allowed on Saturday), including previously established regulations that are not in conflict with this Resolution shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. ENFORCEMENT

It is the city's desire that all residents and businesses will voluntarily comply, and self-govern their property as we work together as a community. Enforcement and fines shall remain as described in the municipal code and resolutions previously adopted.

SECTION 3. NEW CONSTRUCTION

Landscaping associated with a new construction project may require more frequent watering to allow the landscaping to become established. If landscaping falls within this category, the owner may apply for a waiver to the requirements within this resolution. The City will review the application and may issue a waiver for the more frequent use of water or may deny the request.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this resolution are severable. If any such section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by the valid judgment of decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this resolution.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the City Council and shall remain in effect through October 15, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

ATTEST:


Bradley J. Frost, Mayor



Terilyn Lurker, Recorder

